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Sir:

Enclosed for filing are the formal drawings for the aboveidentified application.

Entry of the enclosed drawings is respectfully requested.

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